Sports Authority of India againt the alleged mal-administration in Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges. The complaint was examined by Sports Authority of India in detail. To redress the grievances of the shooters, a meeting of Director General, Sports Authority of India. Secretary General, National Rifle Association of India, the Administrator, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges and the Shooters was convened and the differences between the shooters and the Administrator sorted out amicably. The shooters have since returned to the Ranges and are practising in a cordial atmosphere.

Implementation of DPEP in Orissa

4531. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the Central assistance provided during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress of the programme, particularly in Nowraugpur District;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is under implementation in five districts of Orissa namely Bolangir, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Kalahandi and Rayagada. Three more districts namely Baragarh, Keonjhar and Sambalpur have been identified for implementation. The plans for these three districts are being appraised at present. The major interventions under the programme include:

—Construction of Classrooms and new schools.

—Opening of Non-Formal/Alternative schooling centres.

—Appointment ot new teachers.

—Setting up of Early Childhood Education Centres.

—Strengthening of State Councils of Educational Research & Training (SCERTs)/District Institutes of Educational Training (DIETs).

—Setting up of Block Resource Centres (BRCs)/Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs).

—Teacher training and development of Teaching Learning Material.

—Special Intervention for educatin of Girls, SCs/STs, integrated education.

—Research based interventions.

Capacity building at all levels—national, State,district and sub-district levels.

The entire project cost (1996—2002) for the initially selected five districts is Rs. 146.84 crores. Rs. 50 lakhs was released during 1995-96 to the State for conducting pre-project activities. Actual implementation of the project has started during 1996-97. An amount of Rs. 872.50 lakhs has been released to the State as grant for the year 1996-97. Further distribution of funds to the districts is done by the State Government based on progress of the project.

(c), (d) & (e) As stated above, actual implementation of DPEP in Orissa has started during 1996-97 only. An autonomous registered society has been set up for the implementation of DPEP. A full time State Project Director has been appointed and the appointment of core staff at the State and district offices

has been completed. However, Nowraugpur is not one of the district covered under DPEP in Orissa.

Inclusion of Kerala's College in UGC List

4532. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that S.N.M. College, Maliankera, Kerala, had requested for inclusion of the college under section 2 (f) of UGC list;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken on the request;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to include this college under Section 2 (f) of U.G.C. list in the near future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the University Grants Commission.

Model code of Governance for Universities

4533. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the UGC to develop a model code of governance which would minimise political interference and improve academic standards in the Universities;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most Universities systems have collapsed or are on the verge of collapsing and decline in standards having grave implications;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the remedial steps taken so far; and

(d) whether Government propose to set-up an education Commission to look into the actual problems of University students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of National Policy on Education, Government and UGC have taken several measures to improve academic standards in the Universities. Some of the major steps taken for the purpose are as follows:—

—Revision of pay scales of college and University teachers w.e.f. 1.1.1986. Opportunities provided for training and career advancement for teachers. All India Eligibility Test introduced to attract best talent to the teaching profession.

—Academic staff colleges established for re-roientation of newly appointed university and college teachers.

—27 Curriculum Development Centres in Sciences and Humanities established to modernise curricula. Model curricula has been prepared for 27 disciplines in under-graduate and post-graduate courses.

—Financial assistance provided by UGC for improvement of teaching and research under Special Assistance Programmes.

—Inter-University Centres established by UGC to provide front-line facilities and services for advancement of research in the university system.

—Higher priority given to grant of autonomy to selected colleges.

—Guidelines for implementation of an Academic Calendar circulated. These guidelines emphasize observance of at least 180 teaching days by universities/ colleges.

—Regulations for minimum standards for the award of first degree, minimum working days etc. notified by UGC.

(d) Does not arise.